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SUMMARY: ROC'S SENIOR REP IN JAPAN, MA SHU-LY, TOLD EMBOFF
ROC REGARDS AVIATION AGREEMENT ISSUE AS LITMUS OF GOJ'S
ATTITUDE TOWARD TAIWAN. MA SAID ROC PREPARED TO SEVER AVIATION
AND OTHER TIES AND RETREAT FROM JAPAN IF GOJ ACCEDES TO
PEKING'S CONDITIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. MA SHU-LY, REPRESENTATIVE, ASSOCIATION OF EAST ASIAN
RELATIONS (AEAR) (ROC MISSION IN JAPAN), INVITED EMBOFF
TO LUNCH OCT 18 TO DISCUSS IMPLICATIONS OF PRC-JAPANESE CIVIL
AVIATION AGREEMENT FOR TAIWAN'S FUTURE RELATIONS WITH
JAPAN. MA SAID ROC DECIDED TO REGARD GOJ RESOLUTION
OF AVIATION DILEMMA AS LITMUS FOR FUTURE RELATIONS WITH
TAIWAN. SHOULD GOJ ACCEDE ESSENTIALLY TO CURRENT PRC
DEMANDS ON AVIATION AGREEMENT GRC WOULD CONSIDER
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FUTURE RELATIONS WITH JAPAN AS HOPELESS, ROC WOULD NOT

HESITATE TO TERMINATE CAL AND JAL TAIWAN-JAPAN SERVICE. ROC WOULD ALSO FOLD ITS OPERATIONS SUCH AS AEAR AND RE-TREAT FROM JAPAN. ON OTHER HAND, IF GOJ IS FIRM IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRC ON AVIATION ISSUE AND MANEUVERS COMPROMISE WHICH DOES NOT HARM TAIWAN'S FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS, ROC PLANS TO EXPAND ITS PRESENCE AND OPERATION IN JAPAN. MA SAID LAST YEAR'S DIPLOMATIC BREAK BY JAPAN DEVELOPED TOO RAPIDLY FOR ROC TO MAKE GOVERNMENTAL OR POPULAR PREPARATIONS; AS A CONSEQUENCE, ROC COULD NOT AFFORD TO FULLY SEVER TIES WITH JAPAN. NOW, IN CONTRAST, ROC HAS HAD YEAR TO ADJUST AND IS STRONG ENOUGH TO WITHSTAND SHOCK OF COMPLETE BREAK WITH JAPAN.

2. MA HOPEFUL SITUATION WILL NOT DEVELOP SO ADVERSELY. HE HELPED ARRANGE RECENT LDP DIETMEN VISIT TO TAIWAN, PRECEDING GROUP TO TAIWAN TO MAKE PREPARATIONS AND AFTERWARD ESCORTING THEM IN TAIWAN. HE EXPRESSED COMPLETE SATISFACTION WITH VISIT. HE INSISTED THAT PRO-TAIWAN GROUP WOULD HAVE REFUSED TO ACT AS FONMIN OHIRA'S INTERMEDIARY TO TRY TO OBTAIN CONCESSIONS ON AVIATION ISSUE.

3. MA CLAIMED THAT IF 68 MAN GROUP WHICH VISITED TAIWAN IS COMBINED WITH OTHERS PRO-TAIWAN DIETMEN, TOTAL WOULD EXCEED ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS OF DIET WHO SUPPORT MAINTAINING PRESENT RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN, INCLUDING PRESENT AVIATION RELATIONS. HE CITED FORMER PM SATO AND FORMER FONMIN FUKUDA AS EXAMPLES, PLUS, HE SAID, A NUMBER PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTERS, WHO COULD NOT PUBLICLY PARTICIPATE IN PRO-TAIWAN ACTIVITIES BUT WHO WOULD JOIN IN OPPOSING CONCESSIONS TO PRC. MA ENCOURAGED BY LDP SPECIAL AVIATION COMMITTEE RECONFIRMATION OCT 17 OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED JULY 20 WHICH OPPOSED CHANGING CURRENT TAIWAN-JAPAN AIR ROUTE AND INSISTED ON PRIOR LDP APPROVAL FOR ANY AVIATION AGREEMENT WITH PRC. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT COMBINATION OF GOVERNMENT LDP FACTION AND OPPOSITION PARTIES HAD MAJORITY TO APPROVE PRO-PRC AIR PACT, IF IT WERE DECIDED BY STRAIGHT VOTE IN THE DIET.

4. COMMENT: MA SPOKE UNEQUIVOCALLY AND WITH APPARENT CONFIDENTIAL

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CONFIDENCE WHEN HE DESCRIBED ROC'S UNCOMPROMISING POSITION ON AVIATION ISSUE. HIS STRONG PRESENTATION MAY, OF COURSE, HAVE BEEN LAID DOWN IN HOPES THAT IT WOULD REACH JAPANESE EARS. WHETHER VIEWED AS CONCLUSIVE LITMUS TEST, CIVAIR ISSUE OBVIOUSLY IMPORTANT TO ROC AS IT MANEUVERS ITS RELATIONS WITH JAPAN. GIVEN IMPORTANCE OF TAIWAN-JAPAN ECONOMIC TIES, HOWEVER, IT SEEMS HARD TO ACCEPT MA'S FLAT PREDICTION OF COMPLETE

SEVERANCE OF ALL TIES IF GOJ MAKES DECISION ADVERSE
TO ROC ON CIVAIR ISSUE. DECISION TO CLOSE AEAR AND REMOVE
MA IN RETALIATION, ON OTHER HAND, MIGHT FIT ROC'S
TACTICAL STYLE IN THIS FIGHT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
EMBASSY TAIPEI'S COMMENTS ON MA'S APPROACH AND VALIDITY
AS SPOKESMAN HERE FOR ROC INTERESTS.
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